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Mr. Lamont Rowlands,  
Picayune, Miss.

Dear Mr. Rowlands:

This is in reference to our recent conversation in which you expressed the opinion that it might be possible to interest your friend, Rear Admiral Lewis Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, in the medical possibilities of our Processed Tung Oil, especially in the field of cancer.

Several years ago - I believe it was in 1947 - I wrote the Atomic Energy Commission asking it to comment on a report that Tung Oil had stopped the Gamma ray of the atom bomb at the first Bikini tests. The Commission, in its reply, neither confirmed nor denied the report which was given me by an officer who said he had helped write up the results of the test, but did state that experiments were being made with an ointment containing tung oil as a means of treating radiation burns.

At that time we had no interest in a medicinal tung oil but, as you know, for the past three years we have introduced Tung Oil into American medicine, with remarkable results in the treatment of skin conditions, including both basal cell and squamous types of carcinoma.

Admiral Strauss may or may not know that the AEC's medical director, Dr. John Bugher, at the suggestion of Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana, recently ordered six pounds of our oil and ointment for use on victims of the hydrogen bomb blast. We are awaiting a report on this test.

With respect to the use of Tung Oil in treating skin cancer I would like to cite the following paragraph from a letter we received late last month from Casco Laboratories, President Fred M. Casey, Memphis, Tenn., in connection with a test now being run by the University of Tennessee medical school:

"It may also be of interest to note here that Dr. Sprunt (Chief of the University's Pathology Department) asked me specifically if the oil had been used in skin cancer. I quoted him Dr. Snelling's statements and history

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of the Basal Cell malignancy which he showed me in his slide series. Here again, Dr. Syunt was quite impressed and stated that the rationale of the results of the oil might be made analagous to a lawn having a large number of weeds. The weeds can be eradicated simply by fertilizing the ground, the result being such a rapid growth of normal grass that it would literally starve out the weeds."

It is quite possible, Mr. Rowlands, that in Processed Tung Oil, with its rapid cell building qualities, we have an entirely new approach to cancer. We have cured several cases of skin cancer, some of them pretty horrible, by merely having the victims rub the oil into the affected area with the finger tips twice daily.

While the University of Tennessee medical school directors have promised an investigation of tung oil's remarkable healing qualities, particularly in respect to radiological and thermal burns, we feel that the subject of its use in curing skin cancer is so important that it should be studied separately and by experts dedicated to such work.

Would you mind writing Admiral Strauss and asking him if it would be possible for him to help us get a friendly test of Processed Tung Oil on actual skin cancer cases through the American Cancer Society or some hospital or clinic treating such cases? Then, if the tests proved successful, the way would be cleared perhaps for a grant and further experimentation looking toward finding a brand new weapon against this dread disease.

As you know, we are a small company, so we must rely on our friends, such as your good self, in getting this most important clinical work done as inexpensively as possible.

Very sincerely,  
JOHN WATTS  
President

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